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SUBJ: NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CEREMONY

REF: (A) STATE 210342; (B) OSLO 3938

- 1. THE NOBEL COMMITTEE IS PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SECRETARY WILL COME TO OSLO TO RECEIVE THE AWARD, AND DIRECTOR AUGUST SCHOU OF THE NOBEL INSTITUTE, WITH WHOM WE TOOK UP QUESTIONS IN REFTEL, INDICATED CONCERN THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT BE CONSIDERING ABBREVIATING HIS STAY. THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING WORD FROM HIM.
- 2. SCHOU SAYS THE LUNCHEON OFFERED BY THE CITY OF OSLO ON DECEMBER 11 COULD BE WAIVED BUT THAT THE LECTURE GIVEN ON THAT DAY, PREFERABLY IN THE EVENING, IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CEREMONIES. IT WOULD BE "QUITE IMPOSSIBLE," SCHOU SAID, TO GIVE THE LECTURE ON DECEMBER 10, BUT THERE ARE TWO ALTERNATIVES TO THE EVENING OF THE 11TH. ONE WOULD BE TO SCHEDULE THE LECTURE FOR THE MORNING OF THE 11TH, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS 11:00 A.M. THE OTHER IS THAT THE LECTURE CAN BE POSTPONED FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS. THERE IS ONE PRECEDENT FOR THIS; GERMAN STATESMAN AND 1926 AWARD WINNER GUSTAVE STRESSEMANN GAVE THE LECTURE APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DECEMBER 10 CEREMONIES. THE LECTURE SHOULD BE GIVEN IN OSLO, HOWEVER.

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3. SCHOU ADDED THAT IF THE SECRETARY DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE THE LECTURE AT ALL, NOTHING OF COUSE CAN BE DONE ABOUT THAT. THERE WAS NO IMPLICATION THAT UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES THE PRIZE WOULD BE RESCINDED.

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